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Dear K-2 Mathematics Educators:

I am pleased that the Department of Education can provide you with a new tool – the Kindergarten-2nd Grade Mathematics Inventory (K2MI) – that we believe you will find useful in determining and recording student understanding of important mathematics concepts and skills.

The K2MI is designed to inventory student skills on a one-on-one basis, and can be given all at once or broken into five parts depending on you and your students' needs. K2MI was developed by and for classroom teachers, and is not part of No Child Left Behind or the state's accountability system.

Our teacher developers found that when used as a pre-instructional inventory the K2MI was a good tool for identifying a student's strengths and possible weaknesses. Those who used it as a post-instructional inventory found it helped evaluate their efforts in teaching a particular concept. It is our hope that however you choose to use the K2MI it will be useful in your efforts to improve student learning and maximize the effectiveness of your mathematics instructional time.

If you have any questions about the K2MI please contact Susan Harrington, the Department of Education's Mathematics Coordinator at [sharring@sde.state.id.us](mailto:sharring@sde.state.id.us) or Pat White, Outreach Programs Coordinator at [pwhite@sde.state.id.us](mailto:pwhite@sde.state.id.us). After you have used the K2MI in your classroom, I invite you to send me a note at [mhoward@sde.state.id.us](mailto:mhoward@sde.state.id.us) and let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marilyn Howard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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